

PITIFUL CONDITION OF GIRLS SEEKING WORK

Pride and Poverty the Only Asset of Many Pretty Misses Whom the Salvation Army is Helping to Obtain the Bare Necessities of Life.

There is no employment to be obtained for the poor girls of New York let us make employment for them," said Commander Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army at a recent meeting of the cabinet which governs the organization in the United States. The employment of 300 girls, destitute, some of them actually suffering for the bare necessities of life, in the work of making first aid supplies for the wounded soldiers in Europe, for which they receive a dollar a day, was the first substantial response to this appeal.

This scheme practical philanthropy unites with the deepest pity. It combines a sincere expression of sorrow with a substantial attempt to solve, at least for 300 girls, the problem of how they shall live during the pitiless winter season.

Three hundred of these poor young women reported for duty last Monday morning. Some of them went bravely to their tasks without informing Col. J. E. Margetts, the general manager of the campaign, that they had eaten no breakfast that morning and went to work on an empty stomach. They were pretty girls, some of them cultured, some of them highly refined, proud and self-reliant.

They did not belong to the type which is unable and unwilling to suffer. They are ready to bear the heaviest burden which cruel conditions can inflict if their self-respect is unassailed. Several women, devoted members of the organization, went quietly among the girls and ascertained that at least thirty of them hadn't eaten breakfast.

"This will never do," said Col. Margetts. "They must eat before they work." To an improvised restaurant in the rear of the Salvation Army headquarters, 122 West Fourteenth street, these girls were hastily conducted.

"Eat heartily, girls, and then report for work," said Col. Margetts cheerily. "But," returned a very pretty young woman, very weak also from privation, "will you deduct the price of the breakfast from the dollar?" Because "I don't do it," believe I can afford to eat breakfast."

"Bless your heart, no!" responded the jovial Colonel, while a tear dimmed his sight. "A thousand times no. You'll get your dollar and also your lunch as well as your breakfast."

Then the young woman explained that she had no mother, no father, no one to whom her earnings would be more than welcome. Her father had been out of work a long time and in a moment of despair had left them in order to seek work in the middle West. He had stolen a ride on a freight train and was far as Indianapolis, she said, and since then they hadn't heard from him. They hadn't heard his plight known to any church or any society. They had simply lived up what little they had and were now starving in the city.

"But when I found a chance to work, that was different," said the pretty girl, who couldn't have been more than 18 years old. "I applied and was taken on; now I feel, oh, so happy!"

The poor girl was so grateful for the chance to do eight hours work for \$1 that many are to obtain a hundred times that amount for less labor. It wasn't long until she became adept in the work of making bandages, operating the sewing machines and working the bandage rollers.

In union with other young women as destitute, as pretty and as modest as herself, she laughed and sang while proceeding with her task.

Soon the hall was humming with the music of industry and everybody appeared to be happy. The relief department of the Salvation Army, which insists on all persons before they tell "their tale of woe" having something warm to eat and drink, provided luncheon and breakfast for those who were too poor to make such provision for themselves.

"Yes, sister, we have a job for you, but in the first place have you had your breakfast?" This is the greeting extended to a girl who has been fortunate enough to land a job on the "Old Eden Cottage" in the city.

"Breakfast and luncheon are not part of the compensation agreed upon; the rate of wages is \$1 a day flat for eight hours work," said Col. Margetts, "but we can't allow a girl to work without her breakfast. That would be un-Christian and unhuman. Some of them, however, worked without their breakfast in spite of us. They were too proud to make their condition known."

"Pride is not a monopoly enjoyed by the wealthy. The poor of this city are the proudest people of whom you can come into contact. There is much said about the moral perils that young women who are either without money or other resources run in a great city, but when I find pretty girls actually starving and inclined to think that poverty is not one of the chief causes for immorality."

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PROBLEMS FOR "SUN" READERS TO SOLVE

More of the Wonders of Nullos at Bridge Disclosed by Jay Reed.

CHECKER EXPERTS DIFFER

Bridge problem No. 312, the third of Jay Reed's series, had two solutions besides the diamond opening, which was barred. One of these was the heart opening, which was explained last week and which will solve any of the three if properly followed up. The other was the club. Here is the distribution:

♠ 8 4
♥ A K 9
♦ 9 4
♣ 4

♠ 9 6
♥ J 7 5
♦ J 2
♣ 2

♠ 10 8 3
♥ A B
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 6 5 3

This is a nullo, so there are no trumps and Z is in the lead. Y and Z agree to force three tricks on A and B under the condition that the diamond shall not be led originally.

The interesting part of this position is that the transposition of the small clubs in the hands of A and Z makes two lines of attack perfectly sound which were not sound under the previous settings and makes one sound which was sound before. One of the sound attacks which would solve either 308 or 310 is the diamond lead and the other is the return of the spade from Y's hand after he wins the first club trick with the ace.

The attack which is now sound for 312 is the return of the diamond after winning the first club.

That so remarkable a series of changes could be made in a seven-card problem by the transposition of two insignificant cards is almost incredible. But nullo are wonderful things.

The diamond opening, which in 308 and 310 was a losing move, in 312 is a winning move. It is a very weak move, but it is a winning move.

Some get a variation on this by playing 17-13 at "Y" followed by 9-5 and 6-2. But this is a very weak move. It is a winning move.

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NEW COUNT TESTED AT RYAL AUCTION

Western Player Would Make All Suits Equal in Value in the Score.

MORE SCIENCE, LESS LUCK

A number of letters have been received making various comments on the proposed change in the laws of auction that will eliminate the lower value of the spade suit. It is rather curious that many of them inquire if this is to be the end of the matter or if more changes may be expected. Some of the possibilities of the future are suggested, among them this from C. A. Keefe of Chicago:

"All these changes in the values of the suits, notably that which brought them within one point of each other, show that players at large realize the game is unbalanced and that too much hinges on luck in cards held to make the game purely a scientific game. In its present condition it cannot hold a rush to whist, straight or duplicate."

"It seems to me that the outcome of all this experimenting with the suit values, jumping the lowest one to the top and cutting the ground from under some of the others, will be to return to the original order, no trumps, heart, diamond, club and spade, but that all these changes will have the same result, to make a player's hand a sound lie."

"We have tried this in a social way, among good players, and find it so far superior to the present system that we will never go back to the old order, to make all declarations ten a trick and three odd to win the game."

It is evident that something of this kind is being done by the American Whist Association, and to its legitimate conclusion the work begun by changing the old values of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 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